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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
FOR CPA

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-32

Please add the following new claims:

33. A page for displaying planar objects comprising:

a rectangular center sheet having a top, a bottom, a front, a back, and two sides;

transparent, thermoplastic film on the front and the back of the center sheet and immediately adjacent to the top, bottom, and a first side of the center sheet;

a plurality of pairs of spaced-apart, film-to-film seals joining the film through cut-out openings in the center sheet at locations selected for supporting planar objects between the film on the front of the center sheet and the center sheet, and between the film on the back of the center sheet and the center sheet; and

at least one of the cut-out openings being T-shaped and having a top of the T and a base of the T, the top lying along the first side of the center sheet and the base extending toward the other side of the center sheet, a separate cut-out opening being spaced apart from, but linearly arranged, with respect to the base of the T-shaped opening, film-to-film seals formed in both the separate opening and in the base of the T-shaped opening to support the bottom edge of a planar object to be displayed.

34. The page of claim 33, wherein the center sheet is a paper sheet.

35. The page of claim 33, further including at least one additional set of spaced-apart film-to-film seals arranged in a line parallel to the linearly arranged film-to-film seals formed in the separate opening and in the base of the T-shaped opening.

36. The page of claim 35, wherein two T-shaped openings are formed in the center sheet and separate cut-out openings are provided in the center sheet and are spaced-apart from, but are linearly arranged with respect, to the bases of the two T-shaped openings, film-to-film seals formed in the separate openings and in the two bases of the two T-shaped openings to provide two parallel supports for the bottom edges of two planar objects to be displayed.

37. The page of claim 33, wherein at least two spaced-apart cut-out openings are provided at the top and at the bottom of the center sheet, and film-to-film seals are formed at each of the top and bottom cut-out openings.

38. The page of claim 33, including at least one cut in the center sheet to provide support for an edge of a planar object to be displayed.

39. The page of claim 33, further including a rectangular planar object which has a width greater than the distance between the spaced-apart bottom edge supporting film-to-film seals.

40. A page for displaying planar objects comprising:

a rectangular center sheet having a top, a bottom, a front, a back, and two sides;

transparent, thermoplastic film on the front and the back of the center sheet and immediately adjacent to the top, bottom, and a first side of the center sheet;

a plurality of pairs of spaced-apart, film-to-film seals joining the film through cut-out openings in the center sheet at locations selected for supporting planar objects between the film on the front of the center sheet and the center sheet, and between the film on the back of the center sheet and the center sheet; and

at least one cut in the center sheet to provide support for an edge of a planar object to be displayed.

41. The page of claim 40, wherein the cut creates a tab in the center sheet.

42. The page of claim 40, wherein the pairs of spaced-apart film-to-film seals are in a line which is parallel to the top and bottom of the center sheet.

43. The page of claim 40, wherein the center sheet is a paper sheet.

44. The page of claim 40, wherein at least two, spaced-apart, cut-out openings are provided at the top and at the bottom of the center sheet, and film-to-film seals are formed at each of the top and bottom cut-out openings.

45. The page of claim 40, further including a rectangular planar object which has a width greater than the distance between the spaced-apart bottom edge supporting film-to-film seals.

46. A page for displaying planar objects comprising:

a rectangular center sheet having a top, a bottom, a front, a back, a first side, and a second side;

at least two holes adjacent the second side arranged for holding the page in an album;

transparent, thermoplastic film on the front and the back of the center sheet and immediately adjacent to the top, bottom, and the first side of the center

sheet;

a memo area located between the first and second sides of the center sheet;

the center sheet having a portion beneath the thermoplastic film with a visual appearance which is different from the visual appearance of the memo area; and

a plurality of pairs of spaced-apart, film-to-film seals joining the film through cut-out openings in the center sheet at locations selected for supporting planar objects between the film on the front of the center sheet and the center sheet, and between the film on the back of the center sheet and the center sheet.

47. The page of claim 46, wherein the portion of center sheet beneath the thermoplastic film is darker in visual appearance than the memo area.

48. The page of claim 47, wherein the memo area is substantially white and includes lines.

49. The page of claim 46, wherein the center sheet is a paper sheet.

50. The page of claim 46, wherein at least two spaced-apart, cut-out openings are provided at the top and at the bottom of the center sheet, and film-to-film seals are formed at each of the top and bottom cut-out openings.

51. The page of claim 46, including at least one cut in the center sheet to provide support for an edge of a planar object to be displayed.

52. The page of claim 51, wherein the cut creates a tab in the center sheet.

53. The page of claim 46, wherein the memo area extends from the top to the bottom on the front of the center sheet and the back of the center sheet, and wherein a vertical portion immediately adjacent to the memo area has a visual appearance substantially similar to that of the portion beneath the thermoplastic film.

54. A page for displaying planar objects comprising:

a center sheet having a front and a back;

transparent film on the front and back of the center sheet;

at least one film-to-film seal joining the film through a cut-out opening for each seal in the center sheet, each seal being at a location for supporting a planar object between the film on the front of the center sheet and the center sheet, and between the film on the back of the center sheet and the center sheet; and

at least one of the cut-out openings being T-shaped and having a top of the T and a base of the T, and a film-to-film seal formed in the base of the T-shaped opening to support a planar object to be displayed.

55. The page of claim 54, wherein the center sheet is a paper sheet.

56. The page of claim 55, wherein at least one additional film-to-film seal is formed on the page and is arranged in a line parallel to the base of the T-shaped opening.

57. The page of claim 54, wherein a separate cut out opening is spaced apart from, and is linearly arranged with respect to, the base of the T-shaped opening, and a film-to-film seal is also formed in the separate opening.

58. The page of claim 54, including two of said T-shaped openings, and wherein film-to-film seals are formed in the bases of the two T-shaped openings, the two bases of the T-shaped openings being parallel to each other to provide support for the bottom edges of two planar objects to be displayed.

59. A page for displaying planar objects comprising:

a center sheet having a front and a back;

transparent film on the front and back of the center sheet;

at least one film-to-film seal joining the film through a cut-out opening for each seal in the center sheet, each seal being at a location selected for supporting a planar object between the film on the front of the center sheet and the center sheet,

and between the film on the back of the center sheet and the center sheet; and

at least one cut in the center sheet to provide support for an edge of a planar object to be displayed.

60. The page of claim 59, wherein the cut creates a tab in the center sheet.

61. The page of claim 59, including two elongated, film-to-film seals which are parallel to each other.

62. The page of claim 59, wherein the center sheet is a paper sheet.

63. A page for displaying planar objects comprising:

a center sheet having a front and a back;

transparent film on a portion of the front and the back of the center sheet;

memo areas located on each of the front and the back of the center sheet;

the center sheet having a portion beneath the thermoplastic film with a visual appearance which is different from the visual appearance of the memo area; and

a plurality of pairs of spaced-apart, film-to-film seals joining the film through cut-out openings in the center sheet at locations selected for supporting planar objects between the film on the front of the center sheet and the center sheet, and between the film on the back of the center sheet and the center sheet.

64. The page of claim 63, wherein the center sheet beneath the thermoplastic film is darker in visual appearance than the memo area.

65. The page of claim 64, wherein the memo area is substantially white and includes lines.

66. The page of claim 63, wherein the center sheet is a paper sheet.

67. The page of claim 63, including at least one cut in the center sheet to provide support for an edge of a planar object to be displayed.

68. The page of claim 67, wherein the cut creates a tab in the center sheet.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 33-68 are now pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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